Roc de l'Aigle

Laragne / Méouge - Val Buëch-Méouge

En route sur la crête ! (Espace Rando)

Beautiful challenging hike to reach the ridge of Roc de l'Aigle and its view overlooking the Pays du Buëch and the Jabron Valley. The difficulty of the hike increases all along, up to the ridge.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 5 h

Length : 12.7 km

Trek ascent : 772 m

Difficulty : Hard

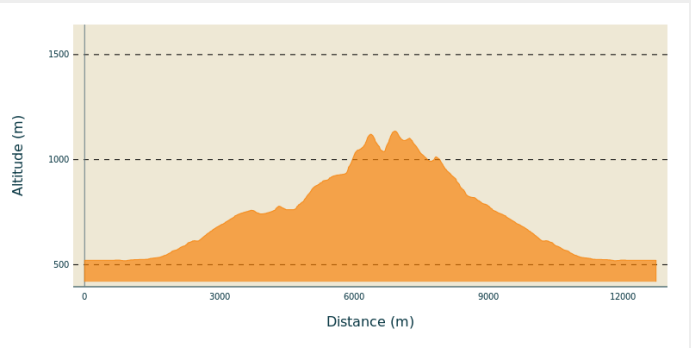
Type : Loop

Themes : Off the beaten track, Panorama, Summit and pass

Trek

Departure : Fountain, Ribiers
Arrival : Fountain, Ribiers
Markings : PR
Cities : 1. Val Buëch-Méouge
2. Noyers-sur-Jabron

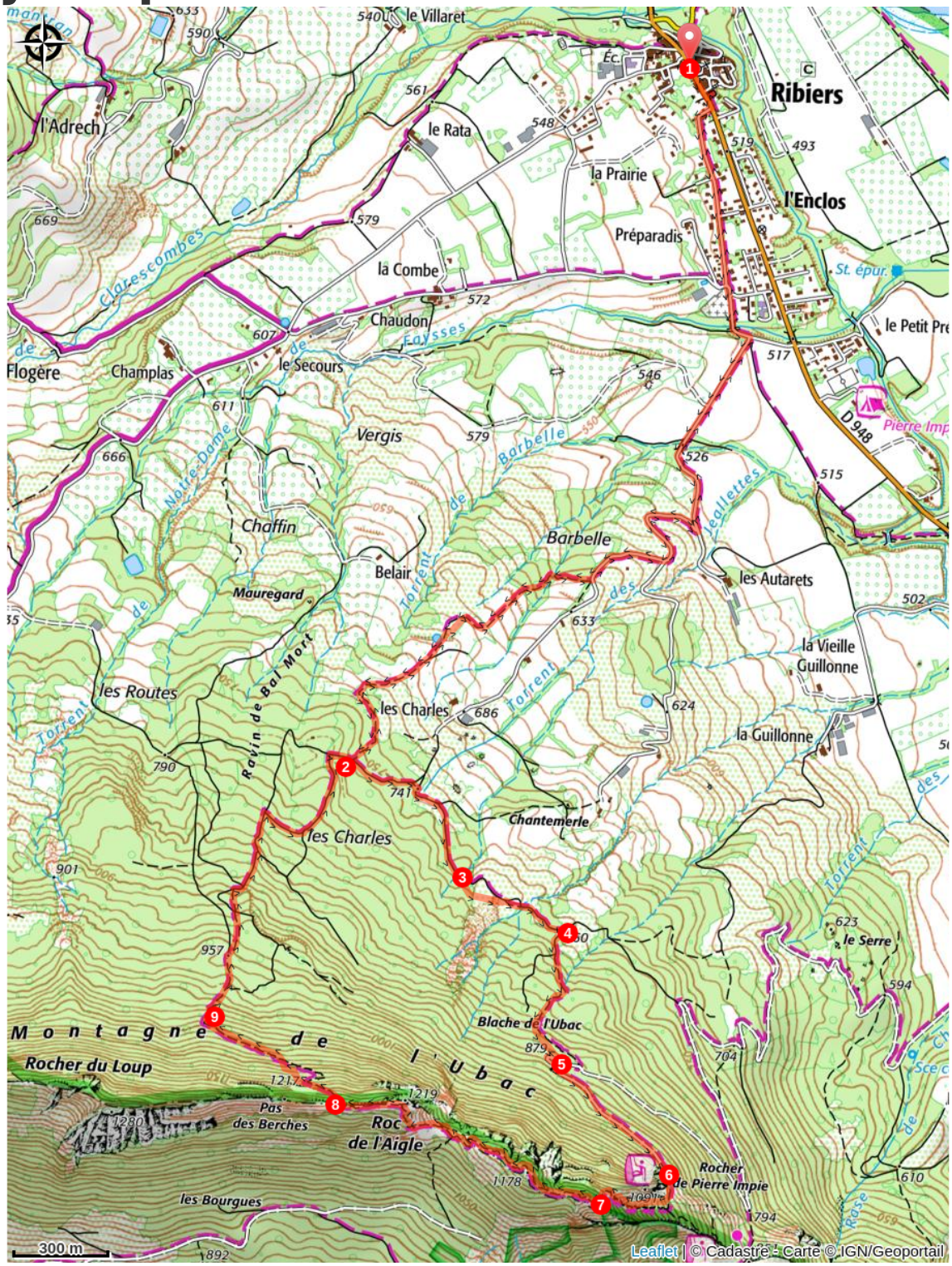
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 519 m Max elevation 1136 m

1. From the fountain in Ribiers ,follow the direction of Sisteron and take the first road on the right. After the cemetery and the bridge, take the road on the right towards "les Charles". 3 hairpin bends further (*you may park on the right along the road to avoid a round trip*), follow the road for 250 m then branch off to the right and enter a field. Walk along it on the opposite side, then cross a dell (often dry stream) across the forest edge. Climb the slope through the dry lawns then reach an old orchard where the slope softens. Go up to its top (large stone), then continue ascent by slanting to the right. The route winds through dry lawns, passes along a water reservoir and then runs along a hedge between two meadows. It continues through an undergrowth of oaks and junipers until it reaches a track.
2. At the junction with the track, turn left. At the next crossroads, follow the right track.
3. Ignore the different paths and follow the main track.
4. At the intersection, turn right on the perpendicular track. A few steps further, take the path to the left in thick undergrowth. It leads to the path of Pierre Impie.
5. Then turn right, pass the bend and the fence. The balcony track overlooks the Buëch valley and the orchards.
6. The track gives way to a path that climbs rapidly. It skirts the Rock of Pierre Impie. You may see climbers on this impressive stone wall. The path is quite steep and passes through some slippery scree.
7. Once on the ridge, pay attention, don’t be distracted by the panorama while walking. The ground is quite rocky and a few rocky stairs follow one another. At the end of this ridge for a while, you will need to use your hands for progressing. The most curious among your group will go on the right to see a small gravestone on a stratum.
8. At the end of the ridge, a shady path leads down to Ubac. A few switchbacks follow one another, some of them quite steep.
9. As you exit the woods, follow the fence. Turn right onto the trail that heads straight up the slope. Cut across the trail before reaching a second one, then follow it to the right. Continue on until you reach the intersection at the start of the loop, then head back down to Ribiers.

On your path...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Pas des Berches
Roc de l'Aigle
Rocher de Pierre Impie
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All useful information

Advices

- You can drive part of the way to “Les Charles” to shorten the hike.
- It is said that barbarians used to throw unfaithful women off the top of Pierre Impie Rock. It seems more likely, however, that “Pierre Impie” is a corruption of “Pierre Pic.”
- The climb up to Pierre Impie Rock is quite steep.
- Some steep sections require the use of your hands.
- The descent to Les Charles is a steep trail through the woods.

How to come ?

Transports

Let’s limit our trips and use public transportation and carpooling: https://zou.maregionsud.fr

Access

From Sisteron (9 km), follow the D 948 northwest toward Ribiers / Gorges de la Méouge.

Advised parking

The square by the fountain and church or on Main Street, Ribiers

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